

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, through page 1, line 6, as follows:

B1  
This application claims priority from ~~Claims Priority From~~  
60/135,883 ~~Filed 5/26/99~~, filed 5/26/99, which is hereby incorporated by  
reference.

B2  
Please delete the footers that read: "*App'n of Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.:*  
*FN-3014* ..... " from each of pages 1-180 of the specification.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1, through page 6, line 11, as follows:

B3  
The TMN architecture is a reference model for a hierarchical telecommunications management approach. Its purpose is to partition the functional areas of management into layers. See e.g. ITU-T Recommendation M.3010; Divakara K. Udupa, TMN: Telecommunications Management Network (1999); and the Internet-published tutorial articles **available at the following web pages of the World Wide Web:**

- ~~http://www.~~"webproforum.com/acrobat/fund\_telecom.pdf",
- ~~http://www.~~"webproforum.com/acrobat/oss.pdf",
- ~~http://www.~~"webproforum.com/acrobat/ems.pdf"; all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.